

Remarks

Claims 13, 14, 16-27, and 30 are pending after the cancellation of claims 1-12, 15, 28 and 29. Claims 13 and 14 are amended to recite a purity of 80% with support in claim 14 as filed. New claim 30 has support in claim 15 as filed. No new matter is believed to be added. Entry and allowance of the claims is believed to be merited and is respectfully requested.

All of the claims are indicated to be free of the art.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The rejection of claims 13, 14, and 16-19 under 35 U. S. C. 112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for "substantially free" is maintained for reasons of record.

Applicant's traversal of this rejection for the reasons of record is maintained. However, to expedite prosecution, claims 13 and 14 are amended herein to remove the language at issue. Instead the claims recite that the claimed eluant and lipidated protein, respectively, have a purity of at least 80% as supported in claim 14 as filed. Since the allegedly indefinite language has been deleted, this rejection is believed to be overcome and it's withdrawal is respectfully requested.

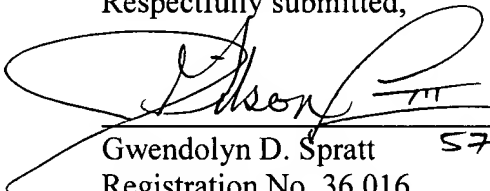
For the same reasons, new claim 30 is believed to free of this rejection.

Since there is no other rejection maintained, the present amendments and remarks are believed to put the application in condition for allowance. Thus, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending application is believed to be warranted. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

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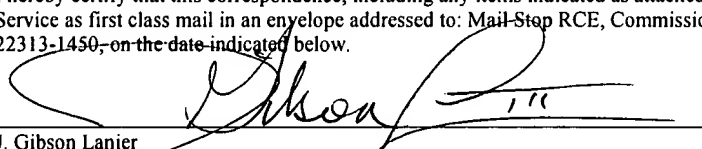
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